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ABSTRACT

These two press releases contain a memorandum from the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped which presents information on the participation of individuals with disabilities in the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Data reports percentages of disabled adults and youth served by each state during JTPA's first full program year. Figures show a significant increase for disabled youth completing training (from 7.5% to 9.7%) and a wide range of participation rates for disabled youth and adults from one state to the next. The variance is thought to be due to several factors, including uneven implementation of eligibility and the responsiveness of JTPA to local governance or influence. (CL)

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DISABLED PEOPLE GAIN GROUND IN JTPA'S JOB TRAINING PROGRAM

Disabled youth and adults increased their share of training opportunities under Title II-A of the Job Training Partnership Act during the program year ending June 30, 1985 (Py'84).

According to a report released by the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, based on U.S. Department of Labor's data, disabled youth represent 9.7 percent of all youth completing training under JTPA's Title II-A training programs; disabled adults account for 8.1 percent of all adults.

Disabled youth achieved a significant increase over the prior year's participation rate, from 7.5 percent to the current 9.7 percent; the rate for adults increased from 7.7 percent to 8.1 percent.

Another interesting fact revealed by the data was the extreme range or differences of participation rates for disabled youth and adults from one state to the next. They began with a state wide high for disabled youth of 53.3 percent to a low of 1.7 percent. The range was slightly less dramatic for disabled adults. The participation rate went from a state wide high of 24.0 percent to a low of 3.0 percent.

Possible reasons for these wide variations from one state to the next include the uneven implementation of the "family of one" authority for disabled youth. This authority must be instituted by each state's governor, at their discretion, and serves to expand the eligibilty criteria for disabled youth. Estimates indicate that approximately 40 state governors have chosen to accept the "family of one" definition for handicapped youth.

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: State Chairpersons and Executive Directors, Governors' Committees
Steering Committee, PCEH
Members, Committee on Youth Development, PCEH
Executive Staff, PCEH

FROM: Paul Hippolitus, PCEH

SUBJECT: Participation of Disabled People in JTPA

The attached matrix was researched and prepared by PCEH staff based on SDA (Service Delivery Area) data submitted to the U.S. Department of Labor. Here you'll find the percentages(%) of disabled adults, disabled youth and total disabled persons served by each state during JTPA's first full program year (PY '84; began July 1, 1984 thru June 30, 1985). Only those disabled youth and adults who completed or achieved a "positive termination" (terminees) are reported in these data. A person participating in JTPA is considered a positive termination if they:

1.) entered unsubsidized employment;
2.) entered apprenticeship training;
3.) entered non title II training;
4.) entered the armed forces;
5.) returned to full-time school;
6.) completed a major level of education; or,
7.) achieved locally established competencies.

Also, these data only cover title II-A programs of the "Job Training Partnership Act." And, they are subject to future audit.

Earlier this year (April 3, 1985), we sent you the data collected in these same categories for the first nine months or transition period of JTPA (Oct. '83-June 30, 1984). These earlier data are also attached so you can compare or track the progress of your state from one period to the next. In general, the figures are up. The greatest jump appears to be in the area of disabled youth. During the last reporting period, 7.5% of all Title-IIA youth terminees were disabled youth. This time the figure was 9.7%!

Another set of interesting data is the range of participation rates among states. It has become even greater this reporting period (PY '84). Here are the figures:

	Transition Period		Program Year '84	
	(low)	(high)	(low)	(high)
Disabled Adults	2.1%	19.2%	3.0%	24.0%
Disabled Youth	1.8%	22.5%	1.7%	53.3%
Disabled Total	2.2%	17.6%	3.3%	31.0%

The message these data give us is clear. JTPA is a locally governed system. In those states and localities where groups of and for disabled people get involved, the potential for success is great. In states where no group or persons is representing the needs of disabled people for JTPA services, the numbers served are low.

As you review your state's data you might keep in mind the national average for each of the three categories listed in the matrix. Here they are:

	National Average
Disabled Adults	8.1%
Disabled Youth	9.7%
Disabled Total	8.7%

If your state falls below the national average in any of these three categories, it might prove worthwhile to call this fact to the attention of both state and local officials. Experience with last year's data demonstrated the value of such communications. In several state where low percentages were recorded, these kinds of communications resulted in an increased awareness of the need to serve persons with disabilities. And, subsequent data showed increases in the numbers of disabled people served.

In addition, if your state's percentage for disabled youth is below the national average (9.7%) and your state's governor has yet to implement the "family of one" authority for disabled youth, you might consider renewing your efforts to get this important authority in place. Several states used the earlier data (transition period) to influence such actions in their states. And, this action resulted in higher participation percentages for disabled youth during this reporting period.

In conclusion, it's worth noting the actual numbers of disabled people completing Title II-A training. Here they are:

Disabled Adults	=	31,771
Disabled Youth	=	28,374
Disabled Total	=	60,145

JTPA has become a major employment related program for people with disabilities.

As more data on this subject become available, it will be forwarded to you.

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PARTICIPATION OF DISABLED YOUTH AND ADULTS IN THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT TITLE IIA 7/01/84 THRU 6/30/85

TOTAL	DISABLED ADULTS %	DISABLED YOUTH %	DISABLED TOTAL %	DISABLED (actual TERMINEES numbers
Alabama	5.8	4.8	5.3	1011
Alaska	7.5	22.5	14.8	206
Arizona	12.4	9.5	10.9	895
Arkansas	4.6	3.8	4.2	479
California	10.2	11.7	10.8	6438
Colorado	11.7	8.9	10.6	1006
Connecticut	13.3	14.3	13.7	861
Delaware	24.0	30.9	27.0	568
Dist. of Columbia	9.0	17.8	10.5	252
Florida	7.4	5.8	6.8	1992
Georgia	8.2	12.4	10.0	1300
Guam	3.0	4.2	3.7	19
Hawaii	5.8	5.5	5.7	109
Idaho	13.4	13.6	13.4	494
Illinois	5.9	13.3	9.0	2727
Indiana	4.3	6.6	5.2	942
Iowa	12.9	23.9	17.5	1277
Kansas	9.0	10.6	9.6	480
Kentucky	7.5	5.4	6.4	890
Louisiana	3.9	5.9	4.7	545
Maine	12.6	7.8	10.6	363
Maryland	8.0	11.3	9.4	1312
Massachusetts	12.4	8.4	10.7	1258
Michigan	8.8	12.1	10.1	3735
Minnesota	9.0	18.4	13.0	1894
Mississippi	3.9	4.3	4.1	587
Missouri	5.1	6.0	5.5	833
Montana	12.0	3.9	9.1	320
Nebraska	10.5	7.5	9.0	287
Nevada	18.6	16.3	17.5	397
New Hampshire	12.9	53.3	31.0	328
New Jersey	7.3	13.8	9.7	1151
New Mexico	8.1	3.3	6.2	269
New York	3.9	7.9	5.5	3248
North Carolina	11.4	13.6	12.3	1905
North Dakota	19.3	8.6	14.1	230

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TOTAL	DISABLED ADULTS %	DISABLED YOUTH %	DISABLED TOTAL %	DISABLED (actual TERMINEES numbers
Ohio	5.9	6.8	6.2	2283
Oklahoma	6.2	7.2	6.6	514
Oregon	10.1	10.5	10.2	1123
Pennsylvania	7.0	11.4	8.7	2108
Puerto Rico	4.0	2.7	3.3	454
Rhode Island	5.0	4.5	4.8	103
South Carolina	6.9	3.0	4.9	627
South Dakota	11.2	15.2	12.9	285
Tennessee	6.9	4.3	5.7	1067
Texas	7.2	7.7	7.4	2258
Utah	14.1	14.2	14.1	640
Vermont	10.3	11.3	10.6	246
Virginia	8.5	11.0	9.5	1369
Virgin Islands	6.6	1.7	4.1	20
Washington	11.9	8.5	10.4	1493
West Virginia	14.6	9.1	12.8	649
Wisconsin	16.8	22.3	19.3	4162
Wyoming	14.0	9.1	11.8	130
National Totals	8.1	9.7	8.7	60145

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JTPA, Title II-A (9 mo. transition period, Oct, '83 - June 30, '84)

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TOTAL	HANDICAPPED ADULTS %	HANDICAPPED YOUTH %	HANDICAPPED TOTAL %
Alabama	5.6	3.9	4.8
Alaska	3.8	22.5	15.1
Arizona	11.9	7.8	10.1
Arkansas	3.7	2.2	3.1
California	7.5	8.1	7.8
Colorado	11.0	7.0	9.7
Connecticut	10.9	16.7	13.2
Delaware	14.5	21.4	17.6
Dist. of Columbia	5.8	6.6	5.9
Florida	5.7	3.9	5.1
Georgia	8.5	8.8	8.6
Guam	3.1	8.0	6.0
Hawaii	11.3	7.1	9.8
Idaho	15.3	4.9	11.4
Illinois	5.9	9.1	7.0
Indiana	3.3	4.2	3.6
Iowa	8.8	13.9	10.9
Kansas	8.8	6.3	7.9
Kentucky	9.7	7.4	8.7
Louisiana	5.2	5.1	5.1
Maine	10.7	6.8	9.0
Maryland	7.3	9.5	8.1
Massachusetts	11.1	7.1	9.7
Michigan	8.7	9.6	9.1
Minnesota	8.5	12.8	10.2
Mississippi	2.5	1.8	2.2
Missouri	3.2	7.4	4.8
Montana	9.9	5.2	8.0
Nebraska	7.6	7.0	7.3
Nevada	15.2	11.2	13.5
New Hampshire	11.8	18.8	14.6
New Jersey	7.2	8.1	7.5
New Mexico	9.5	3.6	7.3
New York	3.0	5.0	3.7
North Carolina	10.7	10.2	10.5
North Dakota	19.2	7.0	16.3

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Ohio	5.0	7.6	6.0
Oklahoma	7.4	4.6	6.3
Oregon	9.9	8.4	9.4
Pennsylvania	7.0	10.8	8.4
Puerto Rico	2.1	2.5	2.2
Rhode Island	4.1	3.8	4.0
South Carolina	5.7	2.8	4.4
South Dakota	12.4	16.0	13.9
Tennessee	5.3	5.7	5.5
Texas	6.1	6.1	6.1
Utah	13.8	12.5	13.4
Vermont	10.0	5.4	8.7
Virginia	8.4	5.2	7.2
Virgin Islands	—	—	—
Washington	9.0	6.9	8.0
West Virginia	11.2	7.5	10.0
Wisconsin	12.6	16.6	14.2
Wyoming	12.3	5.9	9.8

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